(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open more of such Centres during the next two years;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what is the number of pupils attending these Centres as on the 28th February, 1989; and

(e) what is the number of Adult Education Centres which would be opened during the next two years and funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) The present number of Adult Education Centres in the ccountry is 2,88,219.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The planning is under consideration.

(d) The information is yet to be received from various States/Union Territories.

(e) Since the planning is under consideration, specific details are yet to be worked out.

Pak discussion with China on the Siachen Glacier

1556. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of he taking up of the Siachen glacier issue y the Prime Minister of Pakistan with the Chinese Government during her recent visit to that country; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto particularly in the context of Prime Minister's recent talks held with the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Chinese Government during his visits to those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Siachen is an integral part of India and this has been made known to both China and Pakistan. We are in favour of peaceful resolution of all our differences with Pakistan in accordance with Simla Agreement. The next round of Defence Secretary level talks on Siachen is likely to be held in the near future.

Expansion of Pak Air Force

1557. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what further steps are being taken by Government to ensure country's security in face of Pakistan Army Chief's announcement that Pakistan would make its own tank in two years; and

(b) whether Government are also aware of Pakistan expanding its air force by purchasing 125 fighter jets from Australia and China; if so, what steps Government are taking to counteract it and whether Government are taking up the issue with concerned Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have seen reports that Pakistan would be in a position to roll out its first home-made tank in two years time, and of its moves to purchase jet

fighters from Australia and China. Our apprehensions regarding Pakistan's acquisition of arms far in excess of legitimate defence needs have, from time to time, been conveyed to all concerned. Government keep under constant review all developments having a hearing on our security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

Activities of Pro-Pak Kashmiri youth terrorists

1558. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that training camps for Pro-Pak Kashmiri youth terrorists, which were set up in occupied Kashmir and in certain parts of Pakistan during the Zia regime and were wound up on the assumption of office by Prime Minister Mrs. Benazir Bhutto, have started functioning again;

(b) if so, what is Government's information in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are aware of the statement of Shri Shabir Shah, Leader of Pro-Pak People's League that top Pak army brass had forced Pakistani Government not to replace army officers conducting these training camps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government are aware of reports of training camps in Pakistan/POK for imparting training to pro-Pakistan Kashmiri terrorists. However, we have no information regarding these training camps having been wound up or re-started by the new Government.

(c) A report to this effect, which appeared in the 'Kashmir Times' of February 10, 1989, was brought to Government's attention.

Customers' Advisory Committee of IA in Eastern Sector

1559. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria/guidelines adopted by Government for selecting members of Customers' Advisory Committee of Indian Airlines for its eastern region;

(b) what are the details of functions of this Committee and the composition thereof stating the respective interests represented;

(c) what are the names of such members selected from Assam Meghalaya and other North-Eastern States and the proportionate representations of these States on the said Committee;

(d) what are the details of privileges facilities and other powers enjoyed by members of this Committee and the period upto which the present Committee would function; and

(e) what are the details of meetings held so far by this Committee, alongwith the specific recommendations made by and those implemented by Governmen

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATIC AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVR PATIL): (a) to (e) The Regio Advisory Committees have been set by Indian Airlines for giving suggestic regarding improvement in servi provided by Indian Airlines and a bringing to its notice the deficiencies, services, etc. They represent a cr section of the travelling public, includ eminent lawyers, businessmen, doct journalists, industrialists, etc. A list giv the names and addresses of the mem of the Eastern Regional Advis Committee is given in the statement (*below).*